





The Council of Irish County Associations 1969

1969 - 75



Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at  
The Irish Centre on Monday 10.3.69 at 8.30 PM.

The Meeting opened at 8.30 PM under the Chairman Mr H O'Connor  
Officers of The Co Off were present as follows Mr Hegarty V CHAIR.  
Mr Waters (Treasurer) Bob Daly Secretary. Apologies for  
absence were received from Mr O'Connor A/Secretary.

The following members of the Executive Committee were  
present:- Mr H O'Flynn Mr P Butler Mr Laddogan  
<sup>Mr J Beckett</sup>  
apologies were received from Mr S Ward & Mr J Griffin in respect  
of absence.

Minutes of previous meeting were read as were the Minutes  
of The AGM held on 23.2.69. (adopted).

Matters for Discussion at this Meeting were:-

- 1 The Council Annual Dinner
- 2 The Prudents £1000 Inter County Competition

Dinner It was agreed that tickets for this function  
at the Gresham on 17. April 1969 should be 45/- each.

It was decided that one person per Province should be  
responsible for sale of tickets on a Provincial Basis with  
the exception of Leinster where the person responsible could  
co-opt another helper.

The following members agreed to be responsible for  
Provinces as follows: Mr P. Hegarty - ULSTER Mr R Butler - MUNSTER  
Mr M. L. Waters. CONNACHT & Mr Laddogan LEINSTER.



1 It was proposed by G. O'Hlynn + seconded by M. Callaghan that tickets should be paid for 1 week in advance.  
This proposition was carried.

2 Proposed by G. O'Hlynn, seconded by P. Butler that the Chairman - Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Asst Sec be given two tickets each <sup>(COMPLIMENTARY)</sup> free of charge in respect of the Annual Dinner.

This proposition was carried.

It was decided to Print 500 tickets for this function  
Reception at 7.30 PM for 8 P.M.

GUESTS:- His Excellency Mr J. G. Ffellow The Irish Ambassador.

CHIEF GUEST Mr G. M. J. Sheehy, Board Falia = Irish Tourist Board.

GUEST Mr G. M. McElrath, Aer Lingus

Mr C. M. Lee, Irish Export Board.

Judge of Inter County 10000 Competition

Mr + Mrs J. Conway

Board for Mee O'Mara

1 Print from Irish Centre (Fr. Hackett)

MENU.

The Menu to be on the following basis Soup Course - Fish Course  
Main Meal:- Chicken, Ham, Potatoes, Roast + creamed Potatoes  
with a variety of green vegetables. Dessert:- Fruit + Ice Cream.  
Coffee Biscuits + Cheese.

TOASTS

It was voted to propose The Toast of Ireland



it about 9.30 PM. by:-  
Toast to "Our guests" Distress Mr M. O'Connor  
Reverend Mr T. Sheehy.

It was agreed that speech & Reponses to toast should be limited to five minutes. In view of the results of the £1000 competition being announced & prize being awarded at this function, it was decided to dispense with the toast to "The Association" and to request Mr Sheehy to include mention of the Association in his response to "Our guests".

£1000

Inter County competition.

The Secretary would announce the nature of this competition and then request the Chief Judge to give the adjudicator verdict in respect of winning County Associations. The Secretary would then request the chairman of winning association in order of merit to approach the table. The President would then be asked to present Pipes. Winning Chorus would be expected to make a short reply.

M. O'Connor

19/3/62.

Chairman



1 The Council of Irish County Associations  
Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Inist Centre  
on Thursday 10. 4. 69.

Attendance was according to the register  
with the exception of Mr. Waters & Mr. Becker  
who were attending the Sligo A.G.M. Apologies  
had been received in respect of these two  
members.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were  
read.

This meeting dealt specially with the coming  
Annual Dinner & Sale of tickets a  
provisional figure estimated attendance at the  
dinner including guests at 285 + <sup>£50 allowed for</sup> entertaining guests.  
The Menu as chosen at the last executive  
meeting would be adhered to as far as  
possible on consultation with Mr. Gorman.  
The "Toast to Ireland" would be proposed  
by our President Mr. Tom Gorman.

The Toast to "The Council of Irish County  
Associations" to be proposed by His  
Excellency Mr. J. G. Molyneux The Ambassador.  
The Response to this toast being made by  
The Chairman Mr. M. O'Connor.



The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to His Excellency requesting him to propose the toast to the Association. Speeches were to be kept to a minimum.

The Secretary would, at the dinner give a short explanation of the President's £1000 competition and then call upon the Chief Judge Canon Groves to announce winners.

The Secretary would then call the Chairman of winning Associations forward to receive prizes in Order of Merit.

Presentation of Cheques to be made by ~~Mr. Graham~~ The Mayor of Islington.

Winning Chairman of County receiving the first prize to make a short speech.

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The President's £1000 inter County competition. At a Meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 22nd January 1969 a committee was formed to decide on any matters affecting this competition. The first duty of this Committee was to nominate a panel of Judges, who were not Irish, and who were not members of any County Association. Six men of integrity were nominated and of these the



A member of The Executive Committee gave us to understand that The Judges decision was already known and named the three county Assocs. in order of merit which had been successful. The Committee gave a lot of thought and discussion to this remark and eventually were of the opinion that somebody was leg pulling or guessing the results, as the judges were all men of great integrity who would never let such information leak out prior to the official announcement at The Annual Dinner on April 17th. 1969

the competition!

Park 144  
Information Office

The National Bank

Clairmont Rd

1969 these  
The Irish Centre  
the presence  
of the entire  
Associations.

to decide  
on choosing to  
was further  
decision arrived  
at since April 17th  
by the judges  
the winning

in judgment  
as announced



- following agreed to Judge the competition:-
1. Very Rev Canon H J Groves  
St Mellitus Church Tollington Park N 4
  2. Mr Sam Mc Phail Chief Information Officer  
Arthur Guinness & Son Ltd
  3. Mr J Willbourne Manager The National Bank  
Marrow Road N W 10
  4. Mr J Mc Cargray 17 Broadmead Bristol Rd  
London W. 14.

On Wednesday April 2nd 1969 these judges on request attended at The Irish Centre to receive from Mr Gorman, in the presence of our Chairman Mr M. O'Connor, the entries of the 13 competing County Associations.

The judges were instructed to decide on a time & place of their own choosing to judge this competition. They were further instructed to keep secret any decision arrived at, until the evening of our Annual Dinner April 19th when the Chief Judge Canon H J Groves would be requested to announce the winning Associations.

During the interval between judgment and final announcement a certain amount



of leg pulling goes on. One always finds the well informed person who can tell which Assoc. came first second or third. With only 13 Assocs. competing one could hazard a fairly accurate guess if one has studied the activities during the last year. But only a guess. As a matter of interest our Vice-Chairman Mr Pat Hegarty informed the meeting that he had been given the name of an Association which got first place. This informant had it on the highest authority. It so happened that the Association named had not even entered the competition.

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### The Inter-County Quiz - Competition.

The final of the 1968 Quiz Competition takes place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1969 at The Allion Bar Hammesmith Rd. opposite Lyons Supermarket at 7.30 P.M.

Mr Jim Guffin Waterford stated that some members of his Quiz Team were on shift work and were only available on Sunday evening. As The Dist Centre was usually engaged in Centre Activities on a Sunday, the choice of venue as stated was made.

Mr Hegarty vice chairman of the Council and a



members of the Quiz Committee pointed out that the final of the Inter County Quiz Competition was a great attraction for a substantial number of people at which the Council played host.

Normally the venue for a final was arranged through consultation with the Quiz Committee and was usually held at the Irish Centre. This created an attractive social occasion attended by many interested members of competing associations.

Mr. Hegarty stressed the point that future finals would be agreed on through consultation with the elected Quiz Committee.

#### Correspondence

4 A letter from the Barrow Association with reference to the 1968 Council Dinner was read & contents noted.

Correspondence had been received from Poim by Egorseac in response to a letter dealing with the Section Motion at 1969 A.G.M.

A letter had been received from B & J Steam Packet Co in reply to correspondence on the Barrow Motion at 1969 A.G.M.

A letter had been received from Ulster Ireland



Association dealing with the Present Situation in  
Sis Comtee.

A letter had been received from London GAA  
Minder Board requesting the Council to sponsor  
a cup to be known as "The London Irish  
Comtee Association cup" a Perpetual cup  
envisaged would cost £30 and would be  
competed for by under 16 year boys this year  
in a North v South London exhibition football  
game as part of the Wembley festival at  
Whitton.

The Executive Committee recommended the sponsoring of  
such a cup.

The Meeting closed at 10 50 pm.

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Chairman



Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at  
1 Inst Centre, Camden Square on Tuesday 3.6.69.  
Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8.45 pm.  
Attendance as follows Mr O'Connor, Messrs Hegarty,  
Daly - O'Carroll - Waters - Butler - Griffin + Walsh.  
The main item being dealt with at this  
meeting was the President's £1000 competition for  
1969/70.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that  
the prize money should be allotted in the  
following terms:-

1st £400

2nd £300

3rd £100

4th £100

5 <sup>th</sup>	50	} consolation Prizes for a good effort.
6 <sup>th</sup>	50	

As the Executive Committee has been instructed  
at the May Monthly Meeting to draw up Terms  
of Reference in respect of this competition, the  
following headings are a guide to Areas  
taken part in competition

1 WELFARE



- 2 PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN IRELAND
- 3 SOCIAL ACTIVITY
- 4 ACHIEVEMENTS IN RELATION TO CAPABILITY OR POTENTIALITY
- 5 LIASON WITH HOMELAND ACTIVITIES.
- 6 SUPPORT OF FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL

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### Council Finances

As laid down at the 1969 Annual General Meeting of The Council regarding investment of funds it was agreed on a proposition from Mr J Griffin recorded by Mr D Black to:-

- A Purchase £100 in Premium Bonds in the Chairman's Name
- B Invest £300 in a Catholic Building Society

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### Inter County Quiz Competition

A letter was read from Mr Tom Bickett of The Sligo Association raising objections to a time limit being put on the completion of the first Round. Apparently he had received from Mr Waters the current circular letter sent to all competing associations regarding that the first round be completed by June 1st 1969. The letter was noted.

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Apologies for non attendance were received from



Mr Tom Gorman + Mr Tom Beckett to this Executive Committee Meeting.

- 5 Mr Tom Griffin suggested that Arthur Gurners should be approached with a view to providing a more suitable cap in respect of The Quing Constitution and that the cap now in use be presented to Gurners who is the final of the Constitution.
- 6 The Secretary handed out a copy of a Press Report sent out to 75 Irish weekly papers seeking Members to form an Association in respect of Anthony Derry + Tyrone and members for any other association already formed.

no Comm. Chairman

6-1-1976



Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held  
at The Irish Centre Camden Square London NW1  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1970.

The following members were present:- Mr O'Connor  
Mr Gorman, Mr Hegarty Mr Walter McCarroll  
Mr Daly Mr Beckett, O'Hlynn, Butler, Naid.  
Apologies received from Mr Conway + Mr Griffiths  
owing to illness were unable to attend.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read + adopted  
The main reasons for calling the meeting were

- 1 To decide on cost of Annual Dinner
- 2 To allocate provincial Refs for sale of tickets
- 3 To choose guests
- 4 To nominate judges in respect of £1000 competition.

The following members agreed to dispose of tickets:-

Mr Pat Hegarty	Water	(101 - 200)
Mr R Butler	Monster	(301 - 400)
Mr Mr Walter	Cornwall	(201 - 300)
Mr J Carroll	Leinster	(1 - 100)

Tickets to be available at A.G.M on 22-2-70.

GUESTS	1st	Mr Tony Duddy	Proposed by Maurice O'Connor
			Seconded by Jerry O'Hlynn
	2nd	Sir Matt Busby	Proposed by J McCarroll
			Seconded by J Beckett



His Excellency Mr J. H. Mollay Ambassador  
Chasman f.a.d. London Co. Board  
Very Revd Mr Fanning - Chaplain I. Centre  
V.R. Dean Mr. Namara.

Cornwall & W. Bromfield J.P. Mayor of Islington  
Mr M. O. Halloran M.P. for Islington

~~Subject~~  
On a Proposition from Mr O'Hagan seconded  
by Mr De Butler it was agreed that the  
Committee of Management & Ladies be treated as  
guests at the Dinner.

~~Subject~~  
I was agreed to approach the following  
with a request to judge the Inter County  
Hoo competition.

- 1 The Mayor of Islington Mr W. Bromfield J.P.
- 2 Mr O. Walker P.R.O. Arthur Guinness Son & Co.
- 3 Miss Jackie Gillett

In the event of any of the above being  
unable to accept it was agreed that  
two reserve nominees by Mr Peckett &  
Mr Carroll be approached.

4 O.B.

Under Any Other Business Mr Peckett drew  
attention to having cards printed with  
names & addresses of Secretaries of County Assoc.  
to hand to prospective members with



when we come in contact.

The Chairman requested that he bring the matter up again at the A g 4

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

W. G. Green  
Chairman



Meeting of The Executive Committee held at  
1 The Irish Centre on Wednesday 25. 3. 70.

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman  
Mr M. O'Connor at 8.40 P.M. The following  
members were present. - Mr Gorman

Mr O'Connor, Waters, Daly, O'Carroll, Hegarty,  
Nard Butler, Sealey, O'Neill, & Mr Murphy  
Apologies were received from Mr Flynn &  
Mr Beckett for non attendance.

During the course of this meeting the  
three judges who had agreed to  
adjudicate on the £1000-0-0 competition  
arrived at the Centre and were entertained  
by Mr. Hegarty for a short period prior to  
receiving competition entries from Mr  
Gorman. The judging panel as follows:-

Col. D.W. Bromfield J.P. Mayor of Islington  
Mr (Col.) B.G.H. Wallis J.P. A Guinness  
Mr R.H. Laidlaw Aeron Engineers.

The minutes of the previous Executive  
Meeting were read & adopted on a proposition  
from Mr Butler seconded by Mr Ward.  
Matters arising were discussed.

2 The Annual Dinner 1970. This was discussed



at length and the following recommendations were  
put to Mr. Gorman from the March Monthly  
Meeting of the Council. to which he agreed as under:-

The use of one bar for guests. Downstairs Bar.

Mrs. Hegarty + Mr. Butler only to order Drinks for Guests.

Admission by ticket only

After Dinner table with drinks to be provided immediately  
on rising from Dinner.

Only one or two instruments to play during Dinner.  
Hall to be heated during Dinner.

Door to be manured to keep out undesirable elements.

It was agreed to present flowers at the  
Dinner to the following:- The Ambassador's Lady  
The Chairman's Lady - The Lady Mayor of Brighton.

It was agreed that the Mayor should be  
requested to present awards in the Frocks-&-  
competition.

The Chairman requested that a special effort be  
made to dispose of over 400 tickets in respect of  
the Dinner.

The following Menu was agreed on:-

Minced Soup - Fillet of Veal - Roast Beef  
Celery Hearts - Runner Beans + Roast Pot.  
Ice cream - Fruit - Lemon Biscuit + Coffee.



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## Future Activities

It was proposed by Mr Butler seconded by Mr Ward that committees be formed from Delegates by C.O.M. to operate + organise functions for the future.

A It was agreed to organise a Summer Fete or Fayre at The Grosvenor Holloway Rd on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11.A.M. to 4.30 P.M. to aid the Irish Centre. The Boys Band requested to help.

B It was agreed to organize an Irish Concert at the State Theatre Kilburn on a <sup>SATURDAY</sup> ~~Friday~~ night in October. The Irish Centre to be utilized to dispose of tickets together with booking facilities at the State Theatre.

The following committee was set up to deal with this function:-

Mr O'Connor - Mr Moroney - Lady - J. Quinn  
J. Murphy - Mr. Sheridan - Mr. Morney (Hampstead)  
Mr Mc Ardry (Wicklow)

C It was agreed to help the Irish Centre Marathon Walk in every way possible. This walk will cover a distance of 20 miles and various Irish Organizations are sponsoring



and taking part.

The motion carried at the AGM would be  
dealt with at next meeting.

the Chair. H/S/p



## Council of Irish Co. Associations.

1 Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at The Irish Centre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1970. The minutes of the previous Executive Meeting were read and adopted on a proposition from Des Ward and by Joe Sealey.

In matters arising it was felt that in connection with the recent Annual Reunion Dinner at The Gresham the service at table was somewhat erratic, more waitresses were needed.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Mrs. Murphy. The following members of the Executive Committee were present:- Mr O'Connor, Sally Hegarty, Walter O'Flynn, Beckett, Ward, Butler & Sealey.

✓ ~~Concordance~~ A letter of resignation from Executive Comm was read in respect of Mr Des Ward who was returning to his native Ennisbullen to carry on the family Business. Good wishes were extended to Mr Des Ward in their future endeavours.

It was arranged to hold a farewell Buffet at The Irish Centre on Friday 15.5.70. The Council to make a suitable presentation of Bellesk



Pottery ware from Ireland House. Terms of purchase to be negotiated by Mr. Pat Hegarty.

### Summer Fayre

It was agreed to hold the Summer Fayre at The Gresham Ballroom ~ Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1970  
5000 leaflets to be printed to advertise this function.

Very kind to Mr. Nomara to be requested to publicise this function.

Mr. Hegarty agreed to contact the Bingo Ballers with a view to publicity.

It was agreed that The Mayor of Slington be requested to open the Fayre.

The Irish Centre Boys Band to be asked to help out either by Parading or playing outside the Gresham to attract former Boys.

It was agreed to contact The Brant Irish Soc. The GAA and The Uda Ireland Assoc to help out.

Mr. Hegarty agreed to have three members of The Irish Centre Committee help out.

It was agreed that The Council sponsor a stall. It was thought that one long stall down length of Hall would be more effective.



60 Associations were free to sponsor their own stall.

It was decided to call a meeting of all interested parties on Tuesday 26.5.70 to deal with Summer Fayre at 8.30 pm.

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Motions Passed at A. G. M.

Motions 1 + 2 regarding Airport charges at Dublin and the inclusion of cost of Railings ticket is fore to be dealt with by the Secretary.

Motion 3 in respect of a Committee to help and support County Associations with a small membership, it was agreed that such a Committee should be chosen from a full Council Meeting.

The Motion dealing with The Councils active participation in Irish Affairs in Britain was left in abeyance in view of The Irish Post now dealing so effectively with this matter.

The Council Constitution will be fully reviewed and suggested amendments put to an A. G. M. or an E. G. M.

Concerning the Kerry Motion with regard to having the Intermediate & Leaving Certs recognised



in Britain. The Embassy had taken this matter up and were working on it at the moment.

Mr O Flynn made the point in enquiring if NUI personell teaching in Britain would be credited with the time spent teaching in this country if they decided to take up teaching in Ireland once again.

Under the second Kerry Motion with regard to other Bodies wishing to address a Council Meeting a request had been received from a past President of the GAA in Ireland who wished to address C.I.S.A on the loan scheme now in operation.

As an approach had been made to Pat Hegarty on this matter it was agreed to grant permission to address Council.

It was felt that this loan scheme should apply to GAA Clubs in Britain.

Regarding the Slegg Motion on Publicity with a view to increasing membership, It was agreed that a postcard should be printed with the Council Secretary's address and a space for a prospective member to enter



the County of his choice. On receipt of  
this Card the Secretary would forward it  
to the County concerned.

Under Any other Business it was decided  
that tickets for The Cambridgeshire Show  
would soon be available in Books of  
10 at 6<sup>d</sup> Each and would be  
issued to counties under the usual  
conditions.

The Meeting closed at 10.45 PM

The Commr. 16/6/55 Chairman



Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held  
at The Irish Centre Camden Square N.1 on  
Tuesday 16. 6. 70

The following were Present: Mr O'Connor Deputy  
Sally, O'Flynn, Butler, O'Neil, Sealey & Mr Murphy.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and adopted on a proposition from Jerry O'Flynn  
seconded by Dick Butler.

In matter arising The Secretary was requested  
to take up with The Dept of Education  
Dublin, a point raised by Mr O'Flynn at  
the previous meeting concerning the  
position of N.U.I. personell who have  
taught in Britain for some time and  
then decide to take up teaching at home  
in Ireland. Would the time spent teaching  
in Britain be credited on return to Ireland.

Due to Mr Des Ward returning to Ireland  
a vacancy occurs on The Executive Committee.  
It was decided on a proposition from Mr Butler  
seconded by Mr Murphy that the next person  
with the next highest no. of votes at the  
A.G.M. be elected. As a result Mr  
Desmat O'Donoghue (Wexford) was elevated



to this August Body.

Regarding The Irishman of The Year award being sponsored by Mr O'Sorman on his proposition to a previous meeting it was decided with reluctance not to proceed with this matter on a proposition from J O'Flynn seconded by Dick Butler.

In connection with the new development envisaged at the Irish Centre it was hoped that a special room could be made available for County Associations which could be furnished with bookshelves or cabinets for each Association wherein Statutes and files could be stored.

Regarding our Presidents £1000 competition sponsored yearly by Mr O'Sorman it was agreed to call a special executive meeting to discuss this project.

The Party closed at 8.30 PM

Chairman



Executive Meeting held at The Irish Centre on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 8 P.m.

This meeting was called to discuss the  
proposed extension at The Irish Centre as detailed  
at a meeting of the Centre + representatives of the  
County Association held on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1970.

It was generally felt that the proposed  
extension fell far short of the accommodation  
we had been led to believe was originally  
intended the rates for the Social Halls of all  
Irish Organisations in London.

Almost an acre of land was now  
available and the development of this  
would cost in the region of £420,000

Plans for development come under three Stages :-

Stage I Building a 50 Bedroom Hotel

Stage II - an additional 50 ~~Bedroom~~ Hotel

Enlarging Kennedy Hall Douglas Hyde Lounge by 50%

Stage III Building Administration Offices + Recreation Room for  
personnel occupying Hotel.

Soundproofing the existing Hall would cost in the  
region of £15,000

The land available for development  $\frac{9}{10}$  of an acre was



priced at £90,000. A Railway tunnel taking 6  
lines of traffic runs underneath. Before Building  
the tunnel must be strengthened at an estimated  
cost of between £20,000 + £40,000. It might even  
cost more. This was an unknown quantity.

In view of the cost involved in strengthening the  
tunnell and in re-housing occupants of property on  
the proposed site the cost was reduced from  
£90,000 to £47,500.

It was felt at the meeting that the  
Committee should engage a professional person to  
draw up a plan incorporating ideas + accommodation  
thought necessary for the promotion of Social  
life among all Irish Bodies in London.

Mr. Moroney made a point that in  
view of the cost (£15,000) involved to sound proof  
the two existing halls, why not turn the  
accommodation into Hostels and start from scratch  
building new Halls on an area sufficiently large  
to accommodate 500 Diners and incorporating ample  
toilets facilities together with Meeting Room  
and Admin offices.

A Model of the extension proposed should  
be on show so that we can all be conversant



with what is taking place:

It was felt that the present Blue Print  
in respect of proposed extension was in complete  
contrast to what the As Association expected

Informed.  
Chairman



The Council of Irish County Associations  
Executive Meeting held at The Irish Centre on  
Tuesday 29. 9. 70 at 8 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and  
adopted on a Proposition from Mr Beckett seconded  
by Mr O'Neil

The following members were present:- Mr O'Connor  
(Chairman) Mr Hegarty, Waters, Caddogan, O'Neil  
O'Flynn, Beckett, Saly + Mr Murphy

In matters arising further discussion on the  
proposed extension to The Irish Centre was entered  
into and views aired on the amount of money  
involved. We must now wait and see  
what develops whilst continuing to support the  
Centre.

The Thomond Publishing Co.  
Four Directors of The Thomond Publishing Co:-  
Mr John Desmond, Bill Mackintosh, Wally Hill  
+ Mrs Jane Smyth (Waterford Assoc) attended this meeting  
to discuss further their proposition to Publish, Print  
and deliver to a central point a County Associations  
Journal free of charge for distribution among  
County Associations through The Council. It will be  
decided if a nominal charge is to be made on the



individual taking the journal so as to boost Association finances.

It has been agreed by the executive Committee to accept this offer and Chairman, Secretaries & Delegates are to be requested to attend the October meeting of the Council with a view to putting this project before them.

An Editorial Committee has been appointed consisting of Mr O'Connor, Coddigan, O'Connell & Daly. Each Association is requested to submit news items of their affairs monthly for insertion in this journal, one page being allotted to each unit or (350sq. in. area). The outer cover of the journal will incorporate the Arms of the Four Provinces and will be known as THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION JOURNAL.

The sort required from Associations to include Social Activities, Projects undertaken, Births, Deaths, Marriages, journey & undertakings by members, contacts made and items of interest happening in your home County etc.

It is hoped to produce the first issue for Christmas and with that end in view Associations should be prepared to submit interesting items at our meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.



The cost of publication will be borne by  
The Thomas Publishing Co, their revenue being  
obtained through advertising which they seek out  
and offer at 25 Guineas per Page to Industrialists.  
The four Directors are all in the advertising field  
and are agents for publishers

Scott must be in the publishers hands by  
15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

A Journal of this kind should give a  
great Boost to County Associations.

Every function of a County Association should be  
attended by and reported on by a member of  
The Council Editorial Committee.

£1000-00

Competition:

Mr Gorman has once again put up £1000  
to be competed for by County Associations  
from April 1970 to March 17<sup>th</sup> 1971. This  
competition will follow a similar pattern to last  
year under the following Terms of Reference:-

- 1 WELFARE
- 2 SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN RELATION TO CAPABILITY ~ POTENTIALITY
- 3 Support of Functions ~~ORGANISED~~ <sup>ORGANISED</sup> BY COUNCIL (MONTHLY MEETING)



No 1 WELFARE can cover a wide range of activities in Blantyre undertakings

No 2 Social Activity etc can also include the promotion of tourism or creating a demand for Irish Products. It must be borne in mind that the larger Associations will be expected to achieve greater results than those with less than 30 members.

No 3 Support of Functions organized by the Council. As the Council normally holds one function per year i.e. Annual Dinner which most Associations now attend due to this competition, Associations should bear in mind that attendance at the Council Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month by delegates will be taken into account by the judging panel when allotting prizes. A Register of attendance in Book form has been kept for the past two years.

It was agreed to set the Prizes as follows:-

1st £400

2nd £200

3rd £100

4th £100

5th £75

6th £75

7th £50

The second prize of £50 has been specially set up for Associations entering this competition for the first time as an encouragement more to enter. A new entry may also win one of the other prizes.



Irish Activity It has been agreed to organise a Buffet  
supper at the Irish Centre on Friday 20.11.70  
Tickets at 10/- each to be paid on entrance.

Holiday for Irish Lady not family of ?

During the early summer a request had been  
received from the Camden Committee for child care  
to look after an Irish lady with three children to go  
on Holiday. A sum of £22-00 was  
raised at a spot on collection. The Chairman  
Mr O'Connor has made various efforts to trace  
this lady. She has been transferred from  
the Borough of Camden to Barnet. The  
Committee at Barnet are endeavouring to trace  
this lady and so far have been unsuccessful.  
We await the outcome of further enquiries whilst  
holding the £22 collected.

M. O'Connor 20/11. Chairman



Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Irish Centre  
Camden Square London N.W.1. on Tuesday 30.3.71

The meeting opened at 9.15 PM with Mr O'Connor  
in the chair. The following were present

Mr Hegarty, Sally O'Connell, Beckett, Sealy,  
Caddogan, Walsh, Butler and our  
President, Mr Gorman.

Apologies received from Mr Waters who was ill  
and from Mr O'Neil who had a meeting  
of The Kilkenny Association.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Walsh as  
a first time member of the Executive  
Committee. He also paid a tribute to  
the work of Jerry O'Hlynn not alone as  
Chairman of The Council but as a long  
standing member of The Executive Committee.  
The Minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and adopted on a proposition from Mr Caddogan  
seconded by Mr O'Connell.

In matters arising, the spot light  
centered on the Irish Counties Journal, Mr Caddogan  
pointing out that as a member of the  
Editorial Committee he had not yet been  
called upon to attend a meeting of that body.



It was hoped to call a meeting very soon and the Editorial Board were instructed to draw up a contract with Mr Smyth to offset the Council being held responsible for any liability at a future date which might be incurred By Thomas Press.

It was stated that Advertising Revenue to the tune of £18 had been unaccounted for through staff irregularities. In the interest of the Journal and the close association of the Ambassador with The L.B.A. Mr Smyth had been advised to take no legal action to recover the amount stated.

In view of this it was felt that some action was necessary on our part to make good the loss sustained.

Mr Gorman stated he had received only eleven entries this year, which was quite disappointing, this being two less than last year. Some entries were a few days late in arriving due in some cases to the Postal Strike.

Mr Mc Nabbe (Galway) registered a formal protest that the dead line of

£1000  
comp.



March 17<sup>th</sup> for submitting entries had not been kept by all Associations. Had he taken a few days longer with his entry he could have submitted a much more superior Report.

Mr. Hegarty agreed that rules should not be broken and that the date set should be adhered to.

Others felt that when dealing with Irish Organizations points have to be stretched to encourage more Associations to participate in these competitions.

Annex 71.

Guests + Judges had been selected + notified, some replies had been received.

Mr. Hegarty agreed to contact the judges who had not yet replied by telephone so that the judging of the Competition could get under way.

Tickets had been distributed to Provincial Delegates and according to results so far it was thought that over 300 Patrons would attend.

From a list of menus supplied by Mr. Gorman the following was selected.

Soup - <sup>(FISH)</sup> ROULE <sup>ROULE</sup> Roast Beef - Celery Hearts - Horseradish Sauce -  
Summer Beans - Roast Potatoes. SWEET - PEACH MELBA -  
CHEESE + BISCUITS COFFEE WINE + SOFT DRINKS.



Text "To Ireland" by M. Gorman

This will be followed in due course by the Chairman M. O'Connor who will give a short address and will introduce the President's £1000 competition requesting the spokesman of the Judging Panel to announce winners.

Prizes will be awarded by the Representative of His Excellency the Irish Ambassador.

The Irish Centre Cup will be awarded to the winning Association by the Priest representing the Irish Centre.

Saturday

Sight & Id.

The draw for the second half of 1971 was made and 60 Associations will be notified of dates allocated.

Time did not permit dealing with the motion carried at our A.G.M. which will come on the Agenda for our next meeting. <sup>perhaps</sup> Under any other Business M. Beckett that not enough use was made of The Executive Committee and that it was quite frustrating being left out of things. The Chairman pointed out that in the past M. Beckett's business commitments did not always give



him the necessary freedom to pursue fully  
matters undertaken by the Executive Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.15 PM

Heard <sup>12</sup> 11/6/71 Chairman



Executive Meeting of I.B.A. held at The Irish  
Centre N.W.1 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1971.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 PM under the Chairman  
Mr O'Connor with the following members  
of the Executive Committee present: Mr Harty,  
Wates, Sally O'Connell, O'Neill, Walsh,  
Caddogan, Beckett & Sealey & Butler.

The Minutes of the Previous meeting were read  
and adopted on a proposition from Mr J. Beckett  
seconded by Mr S. O'Connell.

In matters arising Mr Beckett requested a  
formal protest at an entry in the minutes  
given as an answer to a query of Mr Beckett  
as to why more use had not been  
made of his services during the past two  
years.

Regarding this the Chairman pointed out that  
no other member of the Executive Committee  
had been burdened with much work, we  
being in the Happy Portion where the Executive  
made decisions which were carried out by  
the C.O.U.

Further to matters arising in connection with  
the Irish Counties Journal it was agreed



that Mr. Baddogam be requested to draw up a contract between The Thomas Publishing Co. & C.I.B.A. which would exonerate the Council from any liabilities incurred at a future date by Thomas Publishing Co.

AGENDA

The next meeting of The Executive Committee will be held at the Centre at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, June 7th. You are requested to attend.

AGENDA

1. Organising a Raffle in lieu of Cambridgeshire Draw ✓
2. Draw up Terms of Reference - Inter County Song Contest
3. The provision of suitable rewards in age groups in respect of Children's Essay Competition, giving a guide on subjects chosen
4. To Choose a body to administer a Welfare Fund to which those seeking assistance may be referred
5. In respect of Motion carried at A.G.M. - steps to be taken to affiliate all Irish Bodies in London who are non-Sectarian and non-Political.
6. A.O.B.

*Bob Daly*  
**BOB DALY**  
Secretary

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PROGRAMME 1  
IRISH SONGS 2  
TENNIS 3  
OR DEBATE

Sho 20-10

(200 words)  
(400 words)

Advert in Papers



# AGENDA

1

Raffle to Refuse Cambridgeians Grant

Suggestions were made of a cash Prize of £100 12/50/30/20  
Flight & All Ireland with Hogan & Hines Tickets

for Football Final. Others favoured Hurling Final  
As no agreement could be reached the scheme  
was abandoned.

2

Song Contest

This matter was referred to The Galway Board  
to give a lead on terms of Reference whilst  
it was agreed that this should become a  
Council function on an Inter County  
Competition Basis.

3

Essay Competition for members Children.

It was agreed that provision would be  
made in The Irish Counties Journal to allocate  
one page as a childrens corner. This to be  
known as Li-na-o-og. Names of winners  
to be published in journal.

Two Age groups to compete, under 12 &  
under 16.

Mr O'Connor guaranteed 1st  
Prize, Mr Hegarty guaranteed 2nd Prize to  
winners & runners-up. Publication of

Winning Entrants would be made in September



Issue of fund.

Mr Walsh (Galway) agreed to put this new item of work in writing to The Thomond Publishing Co. and to consult other members of the Exec Committee on subject to be chosen in which children would write.

#### 4 Welfare Fund.

A Committee of The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer was set up to organise means of raising money for a fund to be known as B. I. B. A. Welfare Fund. This would be kept in a separate ~~account~~ ACCOUNT and administered by the Committee as set up.

#### 5 That a sub committee be set up to investigate the possibility of Banding together all Irish Societies & Associations, thus ensuring unity in all spheres and giving a greater impact to the voice of such a Body". (AGM MOTION)

A Sub committee to investigate this motion as carried was set up on a proposal of Pat Hegarty and By S O Carroll as follows:-  
Mr Walsh - S O Carroll - S. Caddogan & J. Beckett.



6 A.O.B. Mr. Hegarty stated he was quite disappointed at the Council's response to a request for help in renovating the I. B. Hostel. Only five people offered their services.

It was thought that if 10 people worked for two nights the job could be completed. Mr O'Sail would provide food and Mr O'Connor agreed to raise a further six.

Allocation of Saturday Nights:- The Shaw had now been made for the second half of 1971. The following Associations had not been accommodated Dublin - Monaghan - Meath - Fermanagh - Donegal - Westmeath & Mayo. The following dates for which no request had been received would be circulated among these Associations with a view to trying to accommodate them. Replies to be received by June 15<sup>th</sup> 71.  
Meeting closed at 10.45 P.M.

Chairman

P. J. Hegarty  
6/3/73



Minutes of Executive of C.I.C.A. meeting  
held at Gish Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1972

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Their adoption was proposed by Maurice O'Connor and seconded by Owen O'Neill. There were no observations and no questions on matters contained in the minutes.

Apology

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Tom Beckett. Mr. Beckett arrived later.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mullers Baters re the charges for the council dinner in 1970. This letter contained an account of a possible overcharge and a cheque for £85 to rectify any error was enclosed. Bob Daly proposed that this cheque be transferred to the Welfare A/c & was seconded by Owen O'Neill and was



passed unanimously.

An invitation to the Chairman to attend as a guest was received from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

### Annual Dinner

The forthcoming Annual Dinner & Dance was discussed. During a general discussion Owen O'Neill proposed that the day be transferred to a Sat. Michael Walters objected to this as it would not be possible for publicans & friends to attend on a Sat. and as they helped so much in ticket sales this change could seriously affect attendance. The proposal was not carried. A change of venue was also discussed and a proposal by Maurice Connor, seconded by the Sec. to continue at the Gresham was carried. The following list of guests was finally settled

- (1) Embassy Representative
- (2) Tommy Dunne, Chairman of the Irish Club & Mrs Dunne.



- (3) Chairman of the Southern Area of the Federation of Irish Societies & his wife
- (4) The President of N.U.I. Club.
- (5) Chaplain, Irish Centre.
- (6) Fr. Mc Namara.
- (7) Mr. Stallard M.P. & Mrs Stallard
- (8) Mr. Mr. O'Halloran M.P. & Mrs O'Halloran

It was decided to include £1000 competition judges and their selection was postponed until Mr. O'Gorman was present.

An increase in subscription ~~to~~ to £2.75 was proposed by Maurice O'Connor and was seconded by Dick Butler and was passed unanimously.

### £1,000 Competition

After a lengthy discussion the terms of reference for this competition were modified as follows:

- (1) Social & Welfare Activities
- (2) Support of functions organised by the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. M. Brunton and seconded by Dick Butler that an audited balance sheet be submitted with each entry



This proposal was accepted. Following a discussion on the publication of the winning entry including the considered advantages & disadvantages of publication Owen O'Neill proposed that the winning entry be published and was seconded by Mr D. Maguire. An amendment that the winning entry not be published was proposed by Maurice O'Connor and seconded by Dick Butler. The amendment was carried by 7 votes to 3 votes.

Following discussion on distribution of the £1,000 Wally Smythe proposed that the prizes be ~~as~~ as last year & this was seconded by Bob Daly. The following modified distribution was proposed by Mr. O'Connor and was seconded by Dick Butler.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£400
2 <sup>nd</sup> "	£200
3 <sup>rd</sup> "	£100
4 <sup>th</sup> "	£100
5 <sup>th</sup> "	£75



6<sup>th</sup> Prize £75

7<sup>th</sup> Prize £50

The modified distribution was carried by 6 votes to 3 votes.

### Welfare Fund

The terms of reference for this fund were discussed and it was agreed that a payment of not more than £25 be made to a family on the death of either parent.

A cases for help ~~in~~<sup>are</sup> to be referred through the relative to. Association affiliated to the council. Co. Assoc. contributions to the fund was referred back. A direct approach to the Co. Assoc. was agreed and the chairman also suggested that the Irish Post be approached for appeal space.

### Journal

It was agreed that the Sec. should engage a solicitor and meet Mrs Smythe with a view to drawing up a contract between the Council and the Thomond Publishing Co.

It was also agreed that editorial be submitted earlier in order to bring publication



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Solicitor

forward to the beginning of each month. Editorial matter was to be received at least one week before the monthly council meeting. In future all editorial was to be submitted through the editors Messrs O'Connor, Maguire & O'Connell.

### Fed. of Irish Societies

Bob Daly proposed that, in accordance with the motion carried at the A.C.M., we apply for affiliation with the Federation of Irish Societies. This was seconded by M. O'Connor. The meeting agreed that Bob Daly should finalize this proposal in view of his experience and previous contact with the Federation officers.

### A.O.B.

It was agreed that a presentation be made to the young lady who typed the annual financial statement & report in recognition of her cooperation & help.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Signed P. J. Hegarty, Chairman



Meeting of the Executive Committee  
of C.G. C.A. held at the Gun  
Centre on 24/4/72.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
were read by Mr. S. O. Carroll, &  
adopted on a proposal by Mr. Beckett,  
seconded by Mr. Daly. All the  
Ex. Committee were present  
with the exception of Mr. Butcher.

First on the Agenda was the Diamond  
Publishing Co. - re. the editing  
& contents of the Journal. The original  
minutes of a meeting on the 29th  
Sept 70 was read by Mr. Bob Daly.  
Mrs. Smyth's opinions were asked & she  
declined as she thought at this  
stage all the necessary material  
was coming in each month, or as  
when required. Last year the various  
Committees were slow in coming  
forward with their reports.



The Chairman, Mr. Hegarty, asked if anything would happen in the event of a battle or who at this moment in time decides if material is liable? The general feeling of the meeting was that an Editorial Committee should be set up to edit the Journal each month or if an Editorial Committee was in existence, it should shore up the various ~~the~~ Counties or edit their monthly report. A suggestion from Mr. McGuire to have the Ex. Com. meet at the Centre one night each month to edit the Journal.

A Proposition from Mr. H. O. Connor

A Proposition from Mr. H.O. Connor  
to seek legal advice & try to ensure  
against any claim on Mrs Smyth  
Thomson Publishing Co on the ex.  
of C.G.R.A.

This Proposition was recorded  
by M. D. O. Neill.

The meeting decided that  
a solicitor W. B. O. Connor of Michal



O'Connor Ltd., 18 Southwork St., should be contacted for an immediate appointment. This the Secretary was asked to do.

~~At~~ We had a letter of request for £10 for the Buffet at Central Hall Westminster from Mr Beamon. Mr. W. Smyth proposed ~~to send~~ to send the £10 recorded by Mr. Carroll.

President's £1,000 Reception at Gresham on the night of the L.G.C.A.'s Dinner/Dance.

We had a request from the Littrani Ass. asking if they would be <sup>agreed</sup> ~~agreed~~ to submit their report, after the closing date.

This was agreed on a proposition from Mr. M. O'Connor recorded by Mr. S. Carroll, - subject to the President of S. German's ~~agreed~~ agreement.

Peace at the dinner:-

Speakers were agreed upon as



follows :- The Chairman C.G.C.A.,  
The Ambassador Dr. D.O. Sullivan  
to propose the toast to Ireland,  
The Mayor of Islington the toast to  
the Council of Just Countries.

The Chairman Mr. Hegarty would  
meet guests at the entrance to  
the Hallroom, the Vice Chairman  
Mr. B. Daly would see to their  
needs at the bar. The Secretary  
would liaise with every body - re  
tables, drinks etc.

This concluded the meeting

Signed J. Hegarty Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1972



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE OF C.I.C.A.  
MEETING HELD AT IRISH CENTRE ON  
26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 1972

A meeting of the Executive of the Council of Irish County Associations was held at the Irish Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1972.

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Asst. Sec. in the unavoidable absence of the Secretary. Their adoption was proposed by Owen O'Neill and seconded by Bob Daly.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The meeting decided to try and finalize the accounts for the last Annual Dinner and Dance. The various expenses and receipts were read out by the Hon. Treasurer from his records. Total expenses amounted to £623.19 with receipts to date £493.00. Money still due by Co. Associations amounted to £99.00 giving a potential profit of £168.81.



The Co. Associations still in debt ~~are~~ are to be pressed for payment as soon as possible.

### HOLIDAY GRANT

It was proposed by Dick Butler and seconded by Mr. Bruton that the Council pay the Galway Association £15 to clear up the misunderstanding that had arisen over the holiday grant discussed at the previous general meeting. This proposal was passed unanimously.

### WELFARE FUND

The balance to date was £652.80. The meeting considered this a satisfactory balance. During discussion on the Terms of Reference a letter for help addressed to the chairman, Liffenny Assoc. was read by Dick Butler. The merits of the case were discussed and an outline of the family history was given by Dick Butler. It was eventually decided to await recommendations from the Liffenny Assoc. before reaching any final



decision. The Chairman stressed the need to enlarge the fund and suggested a possible target of £2,000 to £3,000. With a balance of this order it could be possible to amend the Terms of Reference at the next A.C.M. to enlarge the scope for issue to deserving cases.

During a general discussion on fund raising it was decided to approach the Irish Post for fund raising publicity & to approach Irish firms and semi state bodies for financial donations.

Other methods considered were a raffle, "300" Club etc.

### SATURDAY NIGHTS

The allocation of Saturday at the Irish Centre was next on the agenda. Applications for Saturday nights were presented and where possible the nights requested were granted. In some cases a change of date was necessary & where there were more than one



application for the same night and no compromise was possible the winner of a "toss of a coin" was allocated the vacancy. The following allocations were finally settled.

1973

Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> Inst Centre	April 28 <sup>th</sup> Kilkenny
" 13 <sup>th</sup> Sligo	May 5 <sup>th</sup> Cavan
" 20 <sup>th</sup> Mr. Ireland Assoc.	May 12 <sup>th</sup> Laois
" 27 <sup>th</sup> Fermanagh	" 19 <sup>th</sup> Tipperary
Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dublin	
" 10 <sup>th</sup> Mayo	
" 17 <sup>th</sup> Galway	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> Cork
" 24 <sup>th</sup> Waterford	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup> Kildare
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Armagh	" 29 <sup>th</sup> Fermanagh
" 10 <sup>th</sup> Kildare	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> Dublin
" 17 <sup>th</sup> Inst Centre	" 13 <sup>th</sup> Offaly
" 24 <sup>th</sup> Wexford	" 20 <sup>th</sup> Armagh
" 31 <sup>st</sup> Clare	" 27 <sup>th</sup> Wexford
April 7 <sup>th</sup> Roscommon	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tipperary
" 14 <sup>th</sup> Cork	" 10 <sup>th</sup> Roscommon
" 21 <sup>st</sup> Offaly	" 17 <sup>th</sup> Galway



Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Cavan

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Kilkenny

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Laois

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Waterford

" 22<sup>nd</sup> Sligo

" 29<sup>th</sup> Kerry.

Copies of the above allocations were made for the Sec and chairman. This concluded the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Dated \_\_\_\_\_



At an Executive Meeting held at the  
Irish Centre on 20/3/73 previous to our usual  
monthly meeting. it was agreed that  
in future all requests for monies from  
the Council Welfare fund would be left  
to the discussion of the three named  
trustees (Mr. Hegarty, Mr. Daly & Mrs. S. Deak)  
& their decision would be final, this  
was proposed by Mr. M. O'Connor & seconded  
by Mr. D. Butler. This decision had  
full support from the rest of the Ex.  
Committee.

It was also agreed that the money  
in the fund would be left for the moment  
in the Allied Irish Banks, but we might  
give this some discussion at our June  
meeting or might include it on that Agenda.

The meeting decided we should call  
a full Executive Meeting for Wednesday  
4th April at 8.30 P.M. in the Irish Centre.

J. Hegarty,  
Chairman  
4/4/73



## Council of Irish Courts

73

Minutes of the executive meeting held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. All were present except Mr Beckett who asked to be excused. The minutes of the previous meeting were read <sup>adopted</sup> ~~read~~ adopted. Correspondance. The Chairman received a cheque of £100 for the Welfare fund from The Thomond Replenishing Co. Which the Chairman expressed thanks to Mr Smyth. The Chairman also reported that he gave a mass card to the relatives of the late Mr. Heffernan, who was an nephew of Mary Murphy Cork association.

The Annual Dinner Dance was discussed in detail. ~~After~~ Eventually the executive decided to hold the Dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Gresham Ballroom, at £3.00 per ticket. A list of the guests was drawn up and the tickets were to be allocated through the provinces as in previous years. The speeches were arranged and it was hoped that it would be well supported by the Counties.

The Council Journal was then ~~also~~ debated on and after much controversy about



excluding  
content, p. date of publication & reports of  
countries for the journal it was decided to  
have a special meeting with the Director of  
the Loman publishing Co. Mrs. Smyth on Monday  
8TH April.

Finally Regarding the Council organising  
a Charter flight it was decided to invite  
C. Fogarty to the next executive meeting.  
There being no further business The meeting  
closed at 10.45.

DATE.

CHAIRMAN, M. Fogarty. 1/10/71. ?

'73 J.S.



# Council of Three Counties

Minutes of the Special Executive Meeting  
with Mrs. Smythe. on Monday 9TH April. 73.

The  
Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to  
Mrs. Smythe Director of The Thomas Publishing Co.  
He then stated the reasons for this special meeting  
which were as follows (i) The Reason why the  
poor content in the journal, The apathy of the  
Counties to the Journal, The Quality of  
Editorial and the right of the Council to  
edit the Journal.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Smythe  
why the content of the Journal was re-  
edited. She stated that she could not  
allow political or sectarian Editorial to  
be published.

The meeting then became very  
heated with ~~H. O'Connor~~ arguments varying from  
Mrs. Smythe saying stating it was necessary  
for her to re-edit the Journal and the  
members of the executive stating that the  
Council should have the right to edit their  
own magazine publication.



Eventually it was decided to ~~start~~ appoint one from each province to collect the Editorial from each County and also edit the Journal.

Those appointed originally were Mr. P. Hagerity for Ulster, Mr. J. O'Carroll for Leinster, Mr. Bob Daly for Connaught and Mr. M. O'Connor for Munster. Mrs. Smythe said that M. O'Connor would not fulfill the roll as she would like. So Maurice withdrew from the Committee & Mr. M. Donovan was appointed instead.

The Meeting Concluded with a proposition from Bob Daly & Seconded by O. O'Neill that the ~~portion~~ progress of this new system would be reviewed in 3 months.



Attest <sup>for</sup> M. Beckett

## Council of Irish Counties

Minutes of the executive held at the Irish Centre. on Monday. 1st Oct at 8.30.

Present were Mr. Hagerty Chairman, Mr. Daly V. Chairman, Mr. Donovan Sec., Mr. Waters

Treasurer Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. M. O'Connor, Mr. Decl. Butler, Mr. S. Carroll, Mr. W. Smyth &

Mr. J. Keating & Tom Beckett. <sup>A Policy</sup> <sup>Chair</sup> The Chairman said that this meeting was called to discuss ways & means & put forward suggestions to improve the Council, which he said had lost its impetus. The Chairman asked what was the cause of the poor response of the Counties to the Council. He gave one example to clarify this by stating that ~~only~~ 3 Counties supplied  $\frac{1}{2}$  the people at the Annual Dinner.

Mr. Beckett said there was no cohesion between the Counties & the Council, Mr. O'Neill replied that discussion has died at Council Meetings and that nothing is finalized, and in its present state the Council is a burden instead of being an asset to the Counties.



Mr. Beckett then suggested we should request the AMBASSADOR to give more attention to Council business. He went on to explain past & present AMBASSADORS. In this context, this was denied by the executive.

Mr. Hagerly then said he would like to hear some constructive suggestions from the members of the executive. Mr. O'Neill then said that the Charter flight was a good suggestion which was never acted on.

Mr. O'Connor

then <sup>replied</sup> said that the Council was the poor relation of all kind societies. He continued to say that all of us can share the responsibility for this and in future we should give our full support Council activities.

Mr. Dick Butler suggested at this point the Council should investigate scholarships which were going begging at Trinity College.

Mr. Hagerly again asked what can we do to improve relations between the Council & the Counties. Mr. O'Neill replied that the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting should be sent in time to the delegates. It was suggested by some delegates that some Counties defy the ruling of the Council two examples were quoted in this respect one Avon in not submitting the material for the



Journal to the editor appointed by the Council and two Claret in discrepancy with the arrangements for the summer fete. The Thomson publishing were enticed for its Condensing of ~~etc~~ editorial & non publication of articles. W. Smythe suggested that his wife is compiling the journal for the good of the Council. He also suggested that the Council should hold a St. Patrick Day Dinner Dance at the Tara. This suggestion was completely rejected by the members. Mr. Smythe then proposed that the executive should meet once a month. This was seconded by B. Daly, and unanimously agreed that we should hold it on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Donovan said that delegates not getting the agenda was no excuse, everyone ~~now~~ knows that the Council meeting is 3rd Tuesday of the month. He continued we are not helping each other instead of being united and



County is competing against each other  
a typical example of this was the  
summer fete. We are not firm or enough  
in sticking by decisions made at Council  
level.

The meeting closed at 10.45  
the date of next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>TH</sup> Nov.

Megasty  
Chairman

13/11/73.



# EXECUTIVE. Minutes of Council of Irish Counties

## Executive Meeting 13TH - 17TH - 73.

Minutes of the executive meeting held at the Irish Centre held at the Irish Centre ~~on~~ on Tuesday 13TH - 17TH - 73. Present were Mr. P. Hagerly Chairman, Mr. P. Doherty S. Chairman, Mr. M. Waters. Treasurer: Mr. M. Brearton, Mr. W. Smythe. Mr. P. Butler Mr. S. Carroll, Mr. O. O'Neill. Mr. J. Keating. Excused Mr. O'Connor.

The Minutes of the previous Executive were read approved & signed. On the amendment of the previous Council Meeting. The Chairman said he had seen the Sec. and Mr. Donovan indicated he <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ to ~~take~~ <sup>see</sup> <sup>us</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>order</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>take</sup> <sup>over</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>running</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>office</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>future</sup> <sup>part</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>Council</sup> <sup>affairs</sup>. Mr. W. Smythe proposed the ass.

Sec. should take over the duties of Sec. This was seconded by Mr. P. Doherty and Unanimously agreed by the executive, and this should be recommended at the next Council meeting.

We had a special ~~the~~ Treasurer Report. highlighting bad debt to the Council dating back to 1967. Etc.



were requested to write to the appropriate  
Committees in an effort to recover some  
Council activities.

The Executive unanimously  
agreed that the Council should have a  
Buffet Supper at the Centre on Thursday  
20th December in aid of the Welfare  
Fund. Tickets will be £1 each.

In Concluding  
Mr. Haggerty suggested that the Council  
should come to a arrangement with the  
Management of the Centre before the  
reorganization of Parents Building to ensure  
we are allocated Meeting Rooms and  
other facilities.

The Meeting Closed at 10.15

CHAIRMAN P. Haggerty.

13/11/73



# COUNCIL OF IRISH Counties

## THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>TH</sup> Dec 73. Present were Mr. Hazlety, Mr. Daly, Mr. WATERS, Mr. Butler, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Smythe & Mr. Keating.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read approved & signed by the Chairman.

The Buffett's supper was discussed Mr. Hazlety said that the allied Irish Bands were presenting prizes for the Raffle. It is hoped that the Buffett's will get full support from the Counties.

The Receipts from the Annual Dinner was again debated. It is felt that the number present does not tally with the number charged for. Bob

Bob Daly then said that all An. Committees who hold their meetings at the Centre should have membership cards.

How to increase Membership of Associations

It was suggested that an advertisement should be inserted in the Irish Post & Cork Weekly giving an outline of association activities.



The Welfare Fund.

The Chairman said the time was now ripe to have an appeal in the Irish Post. This was agreed by the executives and it was suggested that the Chairman should write the article for the Post. The A.G.M.

Bob Daly suggested that Nominations for papers should be sent to each Sec. By the End of Jan.

In Concluding Bob Daly Congratulated Mr. Hegerly on the winning of the Individual Quiz.

The meeting closed at 10.15

CHORLEMAN  
8/1/74.



~~Min~~ Council of Irish Counties Executive  
Minutes of the meeting. held at the  
Irish Centre on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Present were  
Mr. Haggerty, Chairman, Mr Beckett, & Mr Butler  
Mr. Waters, & Mr O'Neill, & Mr. Varty.

The minutes of the ~~meeting~~ previous meeting  
were read approved & signed by the Chairman.

The Welfare fund was discussed, Mr Haggerty  
~~was~~ said he had written to the Irish Post  
re the publication of the Welfare fund.

The Annual General meeting was then debated  
The Sec. was asked to send nomination  
papers to the County Secretary as soon  
as possible.

There being no further business  
the meeting closed at 9.30 PM.

Chairman. J. Haggerty.



# Council of Irish Counties

Minutes of the executive meeting held  
at the Irish Centre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Present were Mr. Hagerly, Chairman, Mr. W.  
Saythe, Mr. O. O. Neill, Mr. A. Butler,  
Mr. T. Beckett, & Mr. J. Keating.

The Minutes of the <sup>previous</sup> meeting were read approved  
& signed by the Chairman.

The Annual General Meeting was discussed  
in detail.

The Chairman said the executive  
should be in <sup>voice taken</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>the</sup> opinion as regard  
Motions & discussion that may come up  
at the meeting.

He said he did not wish  
to seek re election for the Chair. for 1974.  
Mr. Beckett said he would like to see  
a fund being formed to help the Irish  
Olympic team. Mr. Hagerly suggested that  
Mr. Beckett bring the matter up at the March  
Meeting of the Council not at the A.G.M.

There being no further Business The Meeting  
Closed at 8.15.

11/3/74.

Signed

Chairman G. O'Flaherty

11/3/1974



Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1974.

The attendance was as follows, Mr. G. O'Hlynn, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating, Mrs. E. Marston, Mr. J. Dack, Mr. S. Iggo, Mr. R. Daly, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. R. Butler, Mr. J. Beckett, Mr. S. Lynch. Apology for absence from Mr. W. Smythe.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed everyone to the beginning of a new year of work and had a special warm welcome for our new Lady Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Beckett, seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill.

There being no matters arising from the minutes, correspondence was next dealt with and there was a letter from Mr. M. Waters concerning a small sum of money which was due to him.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts were the same as at the A.G.M. At this point Mr. P. Hegarty proposed that, to facilitate



the new Treasurer, our Bank Account be changed to A.I.B. Hammersmith. The proposition was seconded by Mr. J. Beckett and unanimously agreed.

The Annual Dinner was the next item on the agenda and the Chairman's suggested date of 16<sup>th</sup> May was unanimously agreed. A run-down of probable costs gave us a ticket price of £3-50. This was agreed to and the decision taken to have 500 tickets printed. A/Sec. Mr. J. Back to supervise the issuing of tickets. The provincial distributors to be as follows: Mr. R. Daly, Connaught; Mrs. E. Marrow, Ulster; Mr. S. Igoe, Munster; Mr. J. Back, Leinster. The Guest List suggested, was as follows: His Excellency The Irish Ambassador, Fr. Mee, Fr. Sheridan, Dr. Garratt Fitzgerald (on a vote 5 for, 4 against). The President, Life President, Mr. Jerry Daly, Mr. Peter Kennedy, Irish Post.

At this point it was suggested that a list of Co. major functions be kept so as to avoid a clash of events.



Mr. P. Hegarty reported that the Welfare Fund still stood as at the A. G. M. There were two new applications - one from Kerry and one from Tipperary. These are still to be investigated and reported on.

Discussion of the President's Fund was held over pending clarification of the idea.

The Chairman gave a run-down of the arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and announced a general meeting on Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Irish Centre.

Mr. J. Keating reported to the meeting on his ~~visit~~ attendance at the Feb. meeting of the Federation of Irish Societies.

It was reported that the Inter-Co. Quiz has now reached the Semi-final Stage, Carlow versus Dublin to be played on 21<sup>st</sup> March and Sligo versus Clare to be played on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

It was agreed that Mr. J. Dack organise the Quiz competitions in succession to Mr. M. Waters as a means of stimulating further inter-county interest, further competitions were discussed and a Sports Competition suggested. Discussion



was left over for the general Council meeting.

A degree of dissatisfaction was expressed on the functioning of the Council Journal.

The minutes of the Sept 1970 meeting were read and the point made by Mr. Owen O'Neill that the Editorial committee be revived.

A special meeting with the Thomond Publishing Co. was suggested to clarify the position, when the minutes are explored by Mr. R. Daly.

The allocation of Saturday nights at the Irish Centre was next discussed and it was decided that applications for 1975 should be in by the April Council meeting. Mr. Sean Igoo suggested that every Saturday night allocation should be for a Dinner/Dance or Buffet/Dance as the Irish Centre got very little financial profit from just a Dance.

Mr. Bob Daly informed the meeting that, during his term as Sec. of the Council, he inherited some literature and correspondence dealing with the County Club. He gave a rundown on the history of this club and said that practically all funds had been



paid back. Mr. Tom Beckett expressed the hope that at some future date the club might be reformed. Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed and Mr. Dick Butler seconded that further discussion be deferred to the next meeting.

Under A.O.B. Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed that the Council should appoint a P.R.O. and suggested that Mr. Bob Daly's name be put forward at the next Council meeting.

That concluded the Business of the meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr.

Signed G. O'Flynn Chairman  
8-4-74.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of  
the Council of Irish Co. Associations  
held at the Irish Centre on 8-4-74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. J. Flynn, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating  
Mrs. E. Mason, Mr. T. Back, Mr. S. Igoe,  
Mr. W. Smythe, Mr. R. Baly, Mr. P. Hegarty,  
Mr. R. Butler, Mr. T. Beckett, Mr. S. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and adopted on the proposition  
of Mr. Owen O'Neill, seconded by Mr. R. Butler.

Arising from the minutes, it was  
decided to defer discussion of both the  
Presidents' Fund and the Country Club to  
the next meeting.

In correspondence we had a letter  
from Fr. Mee accepting his invitation to  
the Annual Dinner. A letter from the  
Ambassador thanking us for the invitation,  
but would make a definite decision  
nearer the date. There was also an  
acknowledgement from the Home Office of  
our letter in connection with the Price  
sisters.



The Treasurer's Report showed a Bank Balance of £324-69. This was £19-50 more than appeared on the Books. The list of paid-up affiliated Co. Associations was read. It showed that 14 Associations had already paid. Mr. R. Daly queried the affiliation fee of £3-15 - as guineas no longer exist it should be left at £3. It was decided that it could only be changed at an A.G.M.

The Inter-County Quiz has now reached the Final Stage with Dublin v Sligo. It was decided that the date for the Final should be discussed at the next General Council meeting.

The allocation of Sat. nights at the Irish Centre was next discussed and Mr. P. Hegarty reminded the meeting that only Associations whose affiliation fees were paid-up were eligible for an allocation. Items concerning the Irish Centre which were discussed were - The £10 Booking fee; Staffing problems and the difficulties of the manager in providing adequate staff.



extensions of the bar hours were covered and Mr. P. Hegarty reminded the meeting that only 12 extensions were at present allowed.

The formation of a Sports and Social committee was next discussed and Mr. R. Daly made the point that it should be left over to the general meeting.

The Annual Dinner was next on the Agenda. The distribution of <sup>tickets</sup> was reviewed and further tickets distributed. Mr. P. Hegarty brought up the point that the guest list was altered by the general meeting. This was not the practice in former years. The Rejection of the invitation ~~of the invitation~~ to Dr. Garret Fitzgerald was discussed and regret expressed by Mr. Hegarty that the guest list looked very poor for our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Mr. R. Daly suggested a guest from B & I. Mr. R. Butler proposed that any decision taken by the executive meeting should stand. This was seconded by Mr. S. Lynch.



The appointment of a P. R. O. was next covered and the general feeling was that Mr. R. Daly would make an excellent officer.

The papers were to be notified of the appointment.

The Council Journal: The re-formation of the Editorial Committee was discussed and the history of the Break-down covered. It was reported that some Counties refused to co-operate with the previous committee and did not want any individual editing their material.

Mr. J. Beckett suggested that the Journal should be supported as the idea seemed to be going around that some people were trying to kill ~~the~~ it. Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed and Mr. B. Lynch seconded that Mrs. Jane Smythe be invited to a special meeting to discuss the matter in detail. The Secretary was to arrange this meeting.

Credit Union: Literature concerning the working of the Credit Union is to be supplied by Mr. Owen O'Neill at the next meeting.

Mr. Owen O'Neill reported on his meeting



with representatives of the Catholic Chaplaincy of Queen's University, Belfast. They are trying to raise funds to pay for their premises in Belfast and were hoping that we might be able to help.

Mr. Pat Hegarty objected on the grounds that it was unreasonable for people to come over to this country looking for funds.

That concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting was fixed for Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> May 1974.

Signed

Chairman

6-5-74

John O'Neill



## Council of Irish Country Associations.

Minutes of the meeting held at the Irish Centre on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Present were Mr. O. O'Neill, acting Chairman.  
Mr. J. Keating, Mrs. E. Mallon, Mr. R. Butler,  
Mr. R. Daly, Mr. W. Smythe.

Excused were Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. Tom Beckett,  
Mr. P. Haggerty & Mr. S. Igoe & S. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting ~~were~~ were read & approved & signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Bob Daly suggested that any recommendation made by the executive Committee should be approved by the Council Meeting. This was agreed by the meeting.

Mr. Daly congratulated Mrs. Mallon on her efficiency as Treasurer.

## Annual Dinner.

The final details of the Annual Dinner were discussed in detail, with the stock taking of tickets, the guest list, menu cards. It was agreed to give a present to Mr. P. Haggerty & Mr. R. Daly. This was prepared by Mrs. Butler & 2<sup>nd</sup> by



Mrs. Marion.

Sumner Fayre.

Mr. O. O'Neill proposed that we have a  
Sumner Fayre and this was 2nd by  
Dick Butler & unanimously agreed.

There being no further Business the  
Meeting closed at 9.45.

Signed. G. O'Flynn  
28-5-78.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 28.5.74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. O'Hynn, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating  
Mrs. E. Marrow, Mr. J. Dack, Mr. R. Daly,  
Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. R. Butler, Mr. J. Beckett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. Butler, seconded by Mr. R. Daly.

In matters arising, Mr. R. Butler brought up the point that matters passed by the Exec. should be sanctioned by the general meeting. This was fully discussed and it was agreed that this point should be brought up at an A.G.M., since it is not covered by the Constitution.

There being no correspondence, the Annual Dinner was next dealt with.

Mr. J. Beckett had great praise for the function and expressed ~~his~~ warmly his appreciation of the efforts of our V/Chairman Mr. Owen O'Neill who had to deputise due to the unavoidable



absence of the Chairman. Mr. Hegarty regretted that the guests were not very well looked after. Not <sup>only</sup> just this year, he said, but for many years past and in bringing up the point, he hoped it would be borne in mind for future years.

Mr. O'Neill commended highly the efforts of Mrs. E. Marrow and Mr. J. Keating.

The sum of £91-78 was realised on the Raffle. The B and I prize which was won in the Raffle was explained by Mr. R. Butler. He said that the gentleman who won it would like to take one Old Age Pensioner and the Council to nominate two others to share the prize with him in Iceland. Mr. Keating was to contact the prize-winner. The matter to be brought up at the next General Meeting.

Summer Fair: It was decided to hold a meeting between Representatives of the County Assocs. and the Irish Centre to allocate stalls etc. The date of the meeting was fixed as the 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30. Notices of the meeting to be sent to all Assoc. Secs.



The Counties Journal. The point was brought up concerning an alleged defamatory remark in the Report of the Lyrainnamagh Annual Dinner. Mrs. E. Marrow made the point that no Assoc. or Body which is not affiliated to the Council should be allowed to contribute any article.

Mr. Hegarty gave a run down of the history of the formation of the Journal and reminded the meeting of the words of the Solicitor, from whom advice was sought. He said that insurance against a charge of Libel would be prohibitive and up to five different people could be charged even down to the Sec. of the individual Assoc. It was decided to again urge Mrs. Smythe to agree to a meeting with the Edic. Mrs. Owen O'Neill suggested reviving the Editorial Committee and seeking the revenue of one page of advertising per month.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.45.

Signed

G. O'Flynn

Chairman

9.7.74



~~Meeting~~. Minutes of the meeting between the Executive of the Council of Irish Co. Associations and Thomond Publishing held at the Irish Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> July. 1974.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. O'Sullivan, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating, Mr. J. Dack, Mr. R. Daly, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. R. Butler, Mr. J. Beckett, Mrs. Jane Smyth, Miss Elizabeth Smyth, Mr. J. Pugsley.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting welcomed everyone and expressed the hope that our endeavours would get us the best possible journal.

First item on Agenda - Form of Agreement.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Daly giving details of Editorial committees etc. Mr. P. Hegarty gave a History of the endeavours to get advice on Libel, indemnity etc. and quoted examples.

At this point Mr. J. Pugsley gave a Quotation of about 10% of the insured sum as cover against Libel. Mrs. J. Smyth suggested that if ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> we omit the Council's connection with the journal, she would accept full responsibility in the event of libel. She



added, further, that she did not have any great worries in this respect. The Chairman said that it was now generally accepted amongst Assocs. that it is a Council Journal. Mr. Owen O'Neill agreed with the Chairman and thought that Mrs. Smyth's suggestion was a bad step. He also suggested that we adhere to the decisions of the Editorial Board.

In view of the small distribution of the Journal it was generally felt that damages in any Libel case could only be of small amount. Mrs. E. Smyth suggested that written advice should be obtained from the Solicitors on both sides. The Council members and Mrs. Smyth agreed to this.

Financial Agreement: Mrs. Smyth explained that there never was any agreement on any financial ~~exp~~ contribution. At this point Mr. J. Beckett appealed for support for the Journal. "We are not supporting it as we should," he said; and was grateful for previous contributions. These contributions amounted to £50 in the first year, £50 in second year, and £100



for the third year. Mrs. Smyth explained that she was working on a £3000 overdraft and didn't ask for any financial support, was not making money out of the Journal and in the future might be able to make a greater contribution. Mr. Hegarty said that at the original meeting for the founding of the Journal, the sum of £1000 as a contribution was mentioned. But Mrs. Smyth emphatically denied any suggestion of such an amount and called Mr. Hegarty a liar. She admitted that it came up in private conversation with her other Directors - who thought it was a crazy idea.

The Chairman appealed to Mrs. Smyth to withdraw the remark, but was ignored. Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested the idea of the Revenue of one page of advertising per month for Council Funds. It would be a gesture and might encourage the assoc. Mrs. Smyth said she worked very hard to produce the Journal and asked why should money be drained from it. The Chairman explained that no-one was demanding money. Mrs. Smyth



then said that if the Council gets its advertising they are welcome to the revenue. In response to further pleas both from the Chair and Mr. T. Beckett, Mrs. Smyth withdrew her Remark.

Editorial Board: Mrs. Smyth said we didn't appear to have much luck with the Editorial Board up to now. At present she did all the work on her own. Some contributors objected to their material being read. At present, she said, the work takes about a week.

Mr. Owen O'Neill remarked on the great improvement brought about by the previous Board. It brought in about 17 extra contributions. He pleaded for a good Editorial Board. He deplored the fact that some Assoc. objected to sending their material through the Board.

Mrs. Smyth wished that anyone with complaints would come forward and bring them to her notice.

Miss E. Smyth said that the Editorial Board was not much help because of the time required by the job and the infrequency of meetings. She urged that Assoc. that did not come forward should be chased up.

Quality of Content: The Chairman said that



the Journal was a liaison between the Assoc.  
Mr. R. Daly said that he would like to  
see articles which would raise points of  
debate. Mr. J. Keating said that the  
smaller Assocs. did not have much  
material on which to write. Miss E. Smyth  
suggested articles from the council itself.  
Mrs. J. Smyth suggested that Assocs. give  
authority to individuals to write in the  
name of the Assocs. Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested  
bringing the date of Council meetings forward  
to the second Tues. of the month, if this  
would help. But Miss E. Smyth said this  
would not be suitable as it takes a  
month to produce the Journal and  
publishing is arranged for the 3rd Tues.  
Mr. O'Neill then suggested letting the  
Editorial Board work for three months. If  
at the end of that time, it is no use,  
he said, then disband it.

The meeting then went on to consider  
its position with Assoc. and bodies outside  
the Co. Associations, but nothing of a



concrete nature came up. Some more points on legal liability were also considered but as it by now past 11 o'clock it was decided to close the meeting.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 9. 7. 74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating,  
Mr. T. Back, Mr. R. Baly, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mrs. E. Warren,  
Mr. R. Butler, Mr. S. Lynch, (apologies T. Beckett, W. Smyth)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Keating, seconded by Mr. P. Hegarty.

In connection with the prize-winning trip to Ireland for 2 OAP's, there was one application from the Offaly Association.

Summer Fair: The Chairman announced that the total so far realised was £177.15 and there are still some further donations to be handed in. In view of the small attendance, this year, this was thought to be a good result. It was generally agreed that the publicity, this year, was very bad and some advance announcements for this event should be made earlier in the year.

Mr. P. Hegarty hoped that the appeal of



the Irish Centre was not falling off. Mr. Owen O'Neill ran through the proposed list of stalls and it showed that about six or seven County Assoc. failed to turn up. He also thought that it should start at 2 o'clock.

C. Journal. The chairman announced that the insurance market for cover against Libel was very limited, but said it might be possible to get cover for £10,000 for a premium between £50 and £100. But the first £1000 must be borne by the publishers. He felt that this type of cover was not prohibitive and asked - should we consult a solicitor? Mr. P. Hegarty asked - was the Journal doing the Associations any good? Mr. S. Lynch said it was essential to keep the Editorial Board, as he had experienced of articles from his association not being published. Mr. P. Hegarty felt that any agreement should include financial contributions to Council Funds. He gave a brief history of the beginnings of the Journal and gave a rough estimate of a profit of £4000 p.A. If Mrs. Smythe



says she is losing money, he said, let her furnish an audit to verify the fact.

Mr. Owen O'Neill enquired if it were not possible for us to get the adverts and be independent. He felt that the Journal cannot exist without the support of the Co. Association. He felt that we must adhere to the Editorial Board. We have three months in which to make it work. Mrs. E. Mason enquired if we had anyone qualified to act on the Editorial Board. She was of the opinion that there was ~~lots~~<sup>much</sup> more information in Jerry Balg's column in the Cork Examiner every week.

Mr. B. Lynch proposed that we consult a Solicitor. This was seconded by Mr. R. Butler. Mr. P. Hegarty felt that for this meeting with the solicitor, the whole executive would be too unwieldy. So with this point in mind, Mr. R. Butler proposed that the officers only consult with the solicitor. This was seconded by Mr. B. Lynch. The solicitor to be Mr. Cusack. Mr. B. Keating to arrange a suitable date at the Irish Centre. In view of



Mr. P. Hegarty's experience with the history and formation of the Journal, it was unanimously agreed that he also should attend.

Trip to Ireland: As there were no further nominees for this ~~the~~ trip, Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed and Mr R. Butler seconded the proposition that the offaly nominees be allowed to go on this trip.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.p.m.

Signed G. Flynn Chairman.

9. 9. 74.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 9.9.74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mrs. G. O'Hynes, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mrs. J. Keating, Mrs. L. Marrow, Mr. J. Dick, Mr. W. Smythe, Mr. R. Butler, Mr. J. Beckett, Mr. L. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. Owen O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Dick Butler.

Under matters arising from the minutes, the Chairman mentioned that a draft letter from the Solicitor, which was reported to be sent recently, had not yet been received. Mrs. L. Marrow stated that in the absence of Mr. J. Keating on holidays, she had also asked for a copy. To clarify this matter, it was suggested that Mr. Keating might ring the Solicitor. Under the same heading, Mr. W. Smythe reported that it had recently come to his notice that a member of the public had bought a copy of the Journal. He emphasised that this practice was completely against the



spirit of the Journal and hoped that this was only an isolated incident.

Mrs. E. Maron reported that a further £62 in donations had been received for the Summer Fair. The possibility of getting the Park across the Road for next year's Fair was discussed and it was hoped that the help of the local community centre might be forthcoming.

Fr. Sheridan's Departure: Many tributes were paid to Fr. Sheridan for his work in the Centre and the form of a presentation best suited to the occasion was discussed. Mr. Owen O'Neill explained that no personal gifts are allowed and suggested a donation to the Society for which he is going to work. With this in mind, Mr. Dick Butler proposed that the Council open a fund for Fr. Sheridan, to which the Co. Associations could contribute. Mr. J. Beckett seconded this proposition. Mr. Owen O'Neill proposed a vote of thanks to Fr. Sheridan for his efforts for the Centre. This was seconded by Mr. J. Beckett.



Welfare Fund: The Chairman suggested that we should hold some function this year for the Welfare Fund.

It was also suggested that at the next Council meeting, a list be made of the main functions of the Co. Association to be held this year.

Mrs. Owen O'Neill reminded the meeting that next year's Council Dinner would be the 21<sup>st</sup> and that preparations should now be got under way.

The same speaker also gave a resume of the functioning of the Credit Union movement in Iceland expressing the hope that a similar movement could be got going here.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30.

Signed Chairman.  
G. F. Byrne 7-10-74



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 7-10-74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. O'Higgin, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating,  
Mrs. E. Marrow, Mr. J. Dack, Mr. W. Smythe,  
Mr. L. Daly, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. J. Beckett,  
Mr. B. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. Beckett, seconded by Mr. W. Smythe.

Under Matters arising, Mr. J. Beckett referred to the incident where the Journal had been offered for sale. He hoped that perhaps these sales could be promoted.

Mr. W. Smythe explained that the incident occurred in a High St. shop and Mr. Beckett said it was perhaps a good thing if revenue could be got from sales of the Journal.

Mrs. E. Marrow reported a final figure of £262-17 for the Irish Centre Summer Fair.

It was agreed that the outstanding balance be paid to the Irish Centre. The Treasurer



also explained to Mr. Owen O'Neill that the President's £1000 cheque had been lodged in our A/c. The Chairman said that he thought the best way of distributing this money was to divide it equally amongst the Assocs. Mr. Owen O'Neill then proposed that it be divided equally and Mr. J. Bicket seconded in the hope that each Co. would add to it and give the proceeds as the Pres. wished.

Welfare Fund. With a view to running a function for the Welfare Fund, the Chairman announced that Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. or Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. were available at the I.C. It was generally agreed that this function should be held on a Sat. night, so Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. was unanimously agreed on.

Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested that we should have a Buffet. Mr. P. Hegarty, in agreeing, explained that, financially, a Buffet would be the most successful type of function.

The Fr. Sheridan Dinner: It was agreed that all ticket-money for this function should



be paid in by the next Council meeting. This was to enable the Treas. to have her final figures ready in time. The C'man wondered how the money would be paid over to Fr. Sheridan. He queried if the money paid in by other Bodies would be paid in with the Council money.

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner: Mr. Pat Hegarty proposed that we invite the President of Ireland as guest of Honour. Mr. J. Beckett seconded. Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested that for this important function we must have a Sat. night. The Chairman, in agreement <sup>said</sup> that we might try the Bloomsbury Centre for a Sat. night in May.

Summer Fair 1975: For this event, Mr. R. Daly suggested that we should endeavour to sell 10,000 programmes at 10p each. For this we could offer a prize of £100 which could possibly be sponsored by one of the well-known firms. The Chairman suggested a <sup>special</sup> meeting with the priests of the Centre.

At this point the Treas. suggested that



the Council donate £1 to the Pres. £1000 fund. This would allow an even figure of £38.50 to be paid to each Co. association. This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested that the Cup which was presented for the Indiv. Quiz last year should be re-engraved as it was really a very bad job. He also said that, as the Lingus were no longer offering the prize of a free flight to Ireland, we should honour the thing this year.

The Council Journal: The Chairman read a copy of a draft letter which he had received from our Solicitor and it was passed round the meeting.

Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested that in future, Exec. meetings should be held on Wed. evenings. This was because other Assocs. and bodies seemed always to hold their meetings on Mon & Tues. evenings.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30.

Signed B. Flynn Chairman 6.11.74.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the Irish Centre on 6-11-74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mrs. G. O'Hlynn, Mrs. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating,  
Mrs. E. Marston, Mr. J. Back, Mr. W. Smyth,  
Mr. R. Daly, Mr. P. Hegarty, Mr. R. Butler,  
Mr. S. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. Daly, seconded by Mr. P. Hegarty.

L. Sheridan had been in contact with the Chairman, apologising for a slight mix-up in his postage arrangements. But he affirmed that a letter was on its way thanking us for the presentation and function held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

The Counties Journal: The Chairman gave a resumé of the meeting with the solicitor, but regretted that he had not yet had a copy of the draft letter which it was agreed to send to Mrs. Smyth.

Summer Fair 1975: The Chairman urged



that we must decide on the venue and also the form which it would take. Mr. Owen O'Neill regretted that in the absence of Fr. Mee, nothing was being done and suggested we start on our own. Mr. R. Butler asked if any other people were willing to come in on it with us.

Possible venues: Mr. Owen O'Neill suggested Market Rd playing fields sometime in June. We could approach Camden Sq. Tenants Assoc. Mr. J. Keating suggested 21<sup>st</sup> June as it is Welfare Dance night at the Irish Centre.

Mr. O'Neill suggested that we accept proposals of venue from the next general meeting and two or three people should go and vet them. He also suggested a type of All-Stars Game of Football & Hurling and said that <sup>B.O.I.</sup> ~~A.T.S.~~ are keen to come in and help. Mrs. E.

Marron suggested the Hayes grounds. Mr. R. Butler suggested the grounds of Holyrood House. Guinness Sports grounds at Park Royal and McDieters at Harlesden were also suggested.

Aug. - o. was, Baby Show, Step Dancing by



the Irish Dancing Schools, Raffle for a colour T.V. set were suggestions for the programme.

Annual Dinner 1975: Mr. J. Keating gave a report on the Bloomsbury Centre for 24<sup>th</sup> May. The cheapest menu was £2.55 plus V.A.T. plus 10% service charge. They required 450 min. or in default £75 extra on the basic meal.

Mr. Wally Smyth and Mrs. E. Warren said they had received some bad reports on the Bloomsbury from patrons at other functions. Mr. P. Hegarty gave a report on Barkers. He estimated expenses on 300 patrons at £4.00.

Mrs. E. Warren said she had some very good reports on the Cunard International and suggested that some officers accompany her on a visit to the Cunard management.

Mr. P. Hegarty proposed that we book the Cunard for 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Chairman enquired what happens if the President of Ireland cannot come as guest of Honour. The general feeling was that the leaders of all 3 political parties should be invited. The Embassy to be approached to find out the position regarding the President.



Welfare Fund Social: Mr. J. Keating informed the meeting that he had booked "The Westones" for this Social. Tickets would be £1.50 and the Treas. would distribute tickets.

Fed. of Irish Societies: Mr. J. Keating would represent us at the forthcoming meeting of the Federation and the Chairman asked for any complaints in writing which could be put to the meeting.

A.O.B. The Chairman read the draft of a letter on emigration etc. which will be sent to the Embassy, as proposed by Fr. MacLipins will be available for Co. Associations to send to their T.D's.

That concluded the Business of the meeting and it closed at 10.30pm.

Signed G. O'Flynn Chairman

11th December 1974



Minutes of the Special Executive meeting  
of the Council of Irish Co. Associations held  
at the Irish Centre on Sun 24-11-74.

The attendance was as follows:

Mr. G. O'Flynn, Mr. Owen O'Neill, Mr. J. Keating,  
Mrs. E. Mason, Mr. J. Dack, Mr. Seán Igo.  
Mr. W. Smyth, Mr. R. Daly, Mr. P. Hegarty,  
Mr. R. Butler, Mr. B. Lynch, Rev. Fr. Mee.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting  
welcomed Fr. Mee and praised the members  
for such a good turn-out at such short  
notice. The whole meeting, he said, would  
be devoted to discussion on what action  
we should take following the dreadful  
bombing incident in Birmingham.

Fr. Mee said that he had been approached  
to make a statement. But any statement  
issued, he said, should be in the name  
of the whole Irish community and if they  
wanted to sign it, that would be acceptable.  
He had been in touch with the Chairman of  
the Federation and the outcome was that if  
the Co. Associations wanted to go ahead



with their own statement, that would be O.K. It might be possible, he said, to have a Press Conference, but, on the other hand, it might be difficult to organise.

Mr. B. Lynch said that any statement must be worded so as not to antagonise.

F. Mee, in agreement said anything done must be correct so as not to give the wrong impression. As Christians, we must be seen not to condone.

Mr. P. Hegarty Reported that the DATA union had been contacted Re Back. Cash, but he had no wish to make an individual statement.

Mr. Owen O'Neill asked if the Executive would consider calling a special meeting of Chairmen & Secs. to show a united front in this matter. Mr. W. Smyth, in agreement said it would help to get 100% co-operation of the Irish community.

Mr. Bob Daly felt that the Executive should go ahead and make its own statement.



But the Chairman was of the opinion that we should join with the Federation.

Fr. Mee said that the English people are more intelligent than to think that all the Irish community are responsible.

Mrs. Owen O'Neill said that any Back-lash would be understandable, but foolish and commended the Mayor of Birmingham for his speech after the bombing.

Fr. Mee said he would be contacting the Irish Club and N.U.I. to get a degree of support.

Mrs. J. Keating was to contact Mr. P. Ryan of the G.A.A.

It was agreed that any statement should be worked out by the Chairman and Mr. T. Walsh of the Federation and should be given to the Press Association and should also be circulated to the C. Associations.

Fr. Mee asked if it would be advisable to hold a mass for the victims.



Minutes of the Executive meeting of the  
Council of Irish Co. Associations held at the  
Irish Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1974.

The attendance was as follows:

Mrs. G. O'Shannon, Mrs. Dwan O'Neill, Mrs. J. Keating,  
Mrs. E. Marson, Mrs. J. Bock, Mrs. R. Butler,  
Mrs. J. Beckett, Mrs. Brian Mullen & Fr. Mee

In opening the ~~the~~ meeting the Chairman  
expressed the thanks of the Executive to  
Fr. Mee and Mrs. B. Mullen for acting for  
the meeting with the Thomond Publishing Co.

In opening his Report on the meeting,  
Mrs. Mullen read an extract from the minutes  
of the Exec. meeting held on 29-9-70 which  
reads: "The four Directors of the Thomond  
Publishing Co. attended this meeting to discuss  
further their proposition to publish, print and  
deliver to a central point a Country's Associations  
Journal free of charge for distribution among  
Co. Assocs. through the Council". The important  
words, he said, being "their proposition".

Mrs. Mullen, in continuing said that  
he and Fr. Mee came to their conclusions



under the following headings: Ownership, Legal Liability, Editorial and Finance.

Ownership: They felt that the Journal belonged completely to Mrs. Smyth.

Legal Liability: Full indemnity is promised by The Thomson Publishing Co.

Editorial: No progress was made on this point. Many attempts were made in the past to have Editorial Boards set up but the material was not getting through from the Assocs. Mrs. Smyth would not hand to an Editorial Board, if she is going to give an indemnity.

Finance: Mrs. Smyth is not prepared to commit herself.

This report then came under discussion and Mr. Owen O'Neill said that Mrs. Smyth will not agree with anything over which she has no control - so, why should we have to agree if we have no control. Mrs. E. Marrow said that some Co. Assocs give their script directly to Thomson Publishing, so, if it is a Counties Journal, why are we bothering.



Fr. Mee asked, did the Solicitor whom we consulted say that we could stop publication. Mr. J. Beckett said that he had consulted the law and comes to the conclusion that we have no call to ownership. Mr. Owen O'Neill remarked that it was a pity that the sum of £1000 was ever mentioned. Mr. B. Mullen said that at the next Council meeting, the question facing us is 'do we want the Journal or not'. Mrs. E. Marrow said - Its not just the Co. Assocs who are concerned, there are other Bodies as well. The Journal is now strictly between the individual Assocs and Thomond Publishing. Mr. B. Mullen drew a comparison between London & Birmingham, where London first had Assocs. and then a Council, whereas Birmingham was the reverse. The Chairman then re-capped on the four main points of the Report and Mr. J. Beckett proposed we accept these proposals, remarking that we cannot afford to throw over the Journal. Fr. Mee proposed that the Council agree to withdraw from the Journal and just leave it to the Counties only. We have no ownership, no



control, so we just say we leave it to the individual Associations. Mrs. E. Marston seconded this proposition. The Chairman remarked that we had failed to come to any agreement, but it certainly was not our fault. Mr. B. Mullen suggested that we give the report at the next Council meeting. Ask the delegates to take the information back to their Assocs. and come back to the Jan. meeting and have a vote on it. Mr. J. Keating suggested that Mr. B. Mullen makes the Report at the Council meeting.

The Chairman then thanked Fr. Mee and Mr. B. Mullen for their work both at the meeting with Thomond Publishing and for their report to this meeting.

Welfare Bance: It was agreed that Mr. Keating would supervise the distribution of tickets and would furnish the Treasurer with a list of Ticketholders.

Annual Dinner 1975: The 30th May has not yet been confirmed with Cunard. Further discussion centred round the price of



the Steak Dinner priced at £3.15. It was felt that tickets for this dinner would need to be £4.50. It was also learned that no Sat. nights <sup>were</sup> available until after the Summer.

That concluded the business of the meeting and it closed at 10.45 p.m.

Signed G. L. G. Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1975.



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